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SUBJ: TOP ZAMBIAN MEDIA OFFICIALS TO VISIT ILC

1. MINISTER OF INFORMATION MWANANSHIKU, EDITORS-IN-CHIEF ZANA, ZAMBIA DAILY MAIL, TIMES OF ZAMBIA, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF ZIS, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF ZBS AND PRESS SECRETARY TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE PARTY ACCOMPANIED BY APPROXIMATELY 19 OTHER LOWER RANKING OFFICIALS AND MEDIA PERSONNEL TO VISIT PRC WITH ARRIVAL PEKING AUGUST 13 AND DEPARTURE MAINLAND AUGUST 31. ENTIRE GROUP TO EXIT PRC THROUGH HONG KONG.

2. HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT PURPOSE OF VISIT WAS DESIRE ON PART OF KAUNDA THAT MEDIA PERSONNEL EXAMINE AND STUDY CHINESE SOCIETY IN ORDER DETERMINE WHAT MOTIVATIONS THEY MIGHT BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY AND PUBLICIZE IN ZAMBIA TO ASSIST IN CREATION OF MORE VIABLE AND SELF-SUFFICIENT ZAMBIAN SOCIETY. FYI: HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY MIJONI AND OTHER TOP JOURNALISTS THAT THEY CONSIDER TRIP NONSENSE AND HAVE DELAYED TRIP FOR OVER ONE MONTH, NEGOTIATING TO HAVE LENGTH OF TRIP SHORTENED. POST BELIEVES ALSO THAT ONE UNSTATED PURPOSE OF VISIT IS TO GRAPHICALLY DISPLAY TO ZAMBIAN MEDIA SUBSERVIENCE, SENSE OF DISCIPLINE AND SINGLE-MINDEDNESS TO PARTY OBJECTIVES OF PRC MEDIA END FYI.

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